



## Avoncroft Pre-School Nursery

### November 2022

We would like to give a special welcome to Avery and Wren who will be joining us this half term.

We are very proud of all the nursery children so far this term. They have settled in really well and are showing curiosity over learning new things. They have progressed developmentally so much this half term and we cannot wait to see their future progress too!

### Term Dates

#### **Autumn Term 2022** (14 week Term)

Monday 5th September	Term Starts
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October (inclusive)	Half-term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term Christmas Party

### Events

#### **Rising Stars Meeting - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.15-2.45**

This is a meeting for the rising stars parents (children going to school September 2023) to discuss the Rising Stars Sessions, routines, and special homework books. If you cannot attend, please let us know and we will find an appropriate time for you separately.

#### **Christmas Concert – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 2.00 – 2.45 (Main Hall – End of Car Park)**

Parents to arrive/ bring children who do not usually attend at 2pm to put into costumes if required. The play will start at the latest 2.15 and will finish no later than 2.45. It is £2.50 ticket (3 tickets per child). Tickets are numbered and given out on a first come first serve basis.

Cash in an envelope would be best for the tickets so that the money can go into funds for the party.

We need some help with setting up the chairs in the main hall and selling raffle tickets (please let Heather or Natasha know if you can help).

**All proceeds towards the cost of the children's party including food, present and entertainer. Raffle tickets will also be available at this time for the Christmas Hamper. (Donations gratefully accepted. A list will be put up nearer the time).**



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### **Christmas Party – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 12 – 3.00**

A Christmas party for all the children of Avoncroft Pre-School Nursery. Parents to arrive/ bring children who do not usually attend at 12. All party food, party games, entertainer and small gift will be provided by the nursery. Friday morning sessions will be open for the children who usually attend.

### **First Half Term**

During the first half term the children have explored colours, numbers, healthy foods and Halloween. On Thursday afternoons the children have been participating in Yoga/ Pilates with Kathryn from KCSIM. They have been practising their breathing and relaxation techniques, body posture, and core/ muscle strength through movements. On a Tuesday the children got to see a fire engine, wave to fire fighters and see the flashing lights. On a Friday we had a special visit from Ash who brought a police car for the children to explore. The children pressed the buttons, worked the sirens and lights. On Monday in French the children have been learning about colours, transport, how to ask to play and introduce themselves.

### **This Half Term**

During this half term the children will be looking at different cultures and festivals. They will get to explore Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas! We will be continuing to learn about colours, numbers and healthy food. Yoga/ Pilates will continue on Thursday afternoons until the end of term. The children will also get to meet different animals from Animal Mania when they visit on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

If there are any other activities you feel your child might enjoy, please let us know.

### **Progress Reports**

In a few weeks you will receive a progress report or 2 year old check showing how your child has progressed developmentally so far. We will send out an email to say when they are available on Tapestry to see. If your child was with us last year it will include where they are now with the EYFS and a brief description of what they have achieved this term. If you would like a parent consultation to discuss this report we are more than happy to do so.



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### Weekly Topic

Every week there will be a colour and number. The children are welcome to bring a toy from home that relates to the colour of the week for show and tell. You could also send a photo on Tapestry!

**Week 1 – Red – Diwali and Bonfire Night**

**Week 2 - Black**

**Week 3 - White**

**Week 4 - Gold**

**Week 5 - Silver**

**Week 6 - Christmas**

**Week 7 – Christmas**

### Home Learning - Colours

To support the children's learning of colours you could:

- Go on a colour treasure hunt in the house/ garden and see how many objects they can find.
- Go on a walk and see how many things they can find of that colour.
- Point out and use language of colour such as "yellow banana".
- What happens when you mix colours?

### Home Learning - Number

To support the children's learning of numbers you could:

- Count objects they are using in their play i.e. how many bricks have you used to build your tower? Get the children to count with you as you point to each brick.
- Go on a walk or while driving point out numbers in the environment. Can they tell you what number it is?
- Count while washing hands. Can they count to 10?
- Put objects in two piles. Do each pile have the same number?



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### Tapestry

Every child has a Tapestry account. For the new children, these will be created before 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please note due to GDPR, we cannot set up your child's account if we have not received the registration forms. The parents will then receive an email on how to activate their account. **If you have not received this email and have returned the registration forms, please let us know asap!**

Tapestry is our online learning journal that allows us to send the parents observations of what they have done at nursery home, and also for you to send photos from home. Last term we were blown away by the number of photo's and achievements sent to us via Tapestry. We would love to continue this. If you go to a special event, any home learning activities, days out and WOW moments or even if the children want to show us something from home, please do not hesitate to send it via Tapestry. The children enjoy showing these photos's during show and tell. How to upload photos or videos to Tapestry:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>. You will receive at least 1 observation a week unless your child is off sick or on holiday. When you receive an observation it will say the areas of development it links too such as: physical development etc.

### Invoices

Following parent feedback last year, we will continue to send out invoices prior to the start of term. This will allow you to set up payment schedules, review your bill, set up voucher schemes etc. This year you can pay online or by childcare vouchers. Please let us know how you will be paying. The invoices show the total fees for the term and how much to pay every month. Payment information will be sent out with the invoice.

Please can you make sure all invoices are paid before the last week of term or can you let Heather or Natasha know when the final payment will be made.